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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. A. McCord, N. F. Metts, Teckville; J. A. Bell, E. D. Miller, Holly Springs; J. P. Horton, Holly Springs; B. R. Hughey, H. A. Dubois, A. G. Perry, Coldwater; J. W. Sisco, Red Banks; H. J. Legge, Sardis; J. H. Hurdle, H. B. Russum, Sladen; J. W. Echols, J. F. Sherman, Senatobia; W. M. Farmer, R. L. Bunyard, Como; A. N. Billingsly, Cochrum; Walton E. Lee, Hernando; C. C. Anderson, Coleman.

LIST OF LICENSED MINISTERS.

J. A. P. Moore, Batesville; R. H. Bradley, Sardis; J. B. Gordon, Looxahoma; J. E. Faulkner, Sardis; A. T. Howell, Strayhorn; Charley Riley, Eudora; B. F. Calvin, Harmontown; J. E. Goff, Thyatyra; J. S. Denton, Holly Springs.

MINUTES.

The Association met in its sixty-fifth session with the Church at Arkabutla, October 17th, 1906, at 10:30 o'clock. The exercises were begun with devotional service conducted by Bro. J. D. Jameson.

The Moderator, Bro. J. N. Brown, being absent, Bro. R. L. Bunyard, Chairman of the Executive Board, presided until an organization was entered into. Upon a call by the Chairman, the letters from the churches were presented and same were read by Bros. J. F. Sherman and Walton E. Lee.

The meeting then adjourned for dinner, to meet again at 1:30 o'clock, being dismissed by Bro. Perry.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened with devotional exercises led by Bro. Rockett.

After seating the messengers a permanent organization was entered into, and the following officers

were elected: Brethren A. G. Perry, Moderator; Z. H. Nail, Treasurer, and Walton E. Lee, Clerk.

The following visiting brethren were recognized: H. W. Rockett, of the Oxford Association; J. E. Byrd, State Sunday School evangelist, and J. D. Jameson, representing the Baptist Record.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator: On Finance, Brethren J. C. Drake, W. W. May and Z. H. Nail.

On Order of Business: T. C. Dockery, H. A. Dubois and W. W. Rochelle.

Devotional Exercises: Pastor and Deacons of the Arkabutla Church, with Bro. B. R. Hughey.

Tabulating Committee to Enroll Messengers: J. F. Sherman and N. F. Metts.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report, which was adopted:

Association meet at 9 o'clock a.m., adjourn 12 noon.

Association meet at 1:30 o'clock p.m., adjourn 4 p.m.

Association meet at 7 o'clock p.m., adjourn at will.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. Bunyard, and pending its adoption was discussed by Bros. Bunyard, Byrd and Dubois. The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Association adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Bro. Rockett.

EVENING SESSION.

At the evening session Bro. J. F. Sherman preached the Associational sermon from II. Tim., 2:15. Because of the inclement weather the attendance was small, but those who were present greatly enjoyed the discourse.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, present and presiding as on yesterday.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. McCord. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, corrected and adopted.

The report on Sunday school work being carried over, the discussion was resumed, and by motion was amended so as to incorporate a resolution accepting a recommendation made by Bro. Byrd, apponting a committee to group the churches with a view of holding Sunday School Institutes to advance the interest of the teaching service of our churches.

The report as amended was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School work in this Association assumes two aspects, as I see it today.

First—The discouraging features, namely: The indifference of children, of parents, church members, pastors and this Association in Sunday School work.

There is a kind of passive assent of all these to the Sunday School work, but nothing definite and aggressive.

Another discouraging feature in this Association is lack of well equipped teachers. The older ones have not been trained in the Sunday School work, hence do not know how to train the rising generation. Add to all of these the fact that the most of the churches of the Association have services one Sunday in the month only and we have, as I see it, a very sad spectacle.

Second—Some things that are encouraging: The frequency of Sunday School institutes and county conventions indicate that the people have a willingness on their part to learn more than is at present known about the work.

When, in the construction of church houses of today provision is made for class-rooms in the Sunday Schools. This, I consider, a very important as well as encouraging feature.

Furthermore, I am sure we never had so good helpers in Sunday School work as we have today. Helps in literature and helps in men who have made Sunday School work a special study.

I would close this report by recommending that the churches of this Association indorse and hear Bro. Byrd, the Sunday School missionary for the State.

Amended by appointing Bros. Sherman, Bunyard

and Metts a committee to arrange for institutes in this Association. Respectfully,

R. L. BUNYARD.

At this point the regular program was deviated from by the suggestion of Bro. Dubois in order to appoint the Executive Board for the coming year, which is as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD.

Alexandria, H. B. Russum; Bethel, Jno. Crawford; Byhalia, R. P. Bowen; Center Hill, D. H. Haraway; Central Coldwater, H. A. Dubois; Evansville, A. T. Howell; Eudora, Dr. A. L. Emerson; Hebron, H. J. Legge; Como, R. L. Bunyard; Harmony, Z. W. Sanders; Ebenezer, J. L. Holloway; Grey's Creek, W. E. McIntosh; Hopewell, W. W. May; Hickory Grove, J. R. Harris; Holly Springs, W. M. Mobley; Longtown, T. Q. Farmer; Mt. Manna, A. G. Perry; Mt. Zion, W. J. Self; McIvor, W. M. Lemaster; Mt. Pleasant, J. W. Valentine; Macedonia, C. McDaniel; Looxahoma, A. J. Dickson; New Prospect, E. A. Wood; New Hope, N. F. Metts; New Hope (Tate County), A. N. Billingsly; Oak Grove, C. E. Emerson; Peach Creek, E. H. Keating; Philadelphia, M. Echols; Pleasant Grove, Tracy L. Harris; Salem, W. J. Fennell; Pleasant View, R. M. Hicks; Sardis, L. F. Rainwater; State Line, M. Blocker; Senatobia, J. F. Sherman; Strayhorn, D. B. Sharp; Tyro, Jacob Petty; Tunica, W. W. Powell; White Oak Grove, D.

H. Owen; Union, A. W. Ray; Hernando, Walton E. Lee; Crenshaw, J. O. Askew.

The report on publications was read by Bro. Perry and was freely discussed by Bros. Perry, Jameson, Hughey, Sherman and Rockett, after which it was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

First, I want to say I believe that the Bible is the greatest and most important book of all books, and should be read in preference to all others, and the great truths contained therein have been the greatest factors in shaping the lives and destiny of men, both for time and eternity; therefore, it should always be first among publications worthy to be read.

Secondarily, I recommend our State paper, the Baptist Record, as having the greatest claim upon Mississippi Baptists of any paper that is published, and should be in the home of every Baptist family.

Third, our Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field.

Fourth, the Orphanage Gem.

Fifth, the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention of Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted, A. G. PERRY.

The report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education was read by Walton E. Lee, and pending

its adoption, was discussed by Bros. Byrd, Lee and Dr. A. L. Emerson, after which subscriptions were taken for the college amounting to $_____. The report was adopted and follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

In every vocation the need of educated men is found, and nowhere is this need more keenly felt than in the ministry. In this day of diffusion of literature and of many educational advantages our people are becoming more highly educated than ever before, and there is a constantly increasing demand for educated men in our pulpits. One sad fact is to be observed, however, and that is a tendency to educate the head to the neglect of the heart.

In some instances "too much learning doth make our ministers mad," and they are getting wiser than that which is written. With them all Scripture is no longer given by inspiration of God, but the "old Book" is being torn to pieces and such of it is taken as in their wisdom is profitable. Little of this is as yet seen in our Southland, but it is encroaching upon us, and we need to guard carefully our institutions of learning to see that God's word, the minister's message, be preserved in its entirety.

We believe we have no cause of fear along this line from our own Mississippi College, the theological department of which is presided over by the

much-beloved Dr. H. F. Sproles. No higher commendation could be made of this department, and no greater compliment could be paid Dr. Sproles than to say: "Fortunate indeed is the young minister who is afforded the opportunity to receive instruction there."

Fifty-seven young preachers attended Mississippi College last year, the most of whom were assisted by our Ministerial Board. These noble young men feel the burden and responsibility upon them, and the necessity of adequate preparation for their work, so, brethren, in making our contributions to the different objects fostered by our convention, let us not forget the struggling young preacher at Mississippi College. But it is not of the college as a theological institution that we wish to dwell upon alone in this report, for only in a limited degree is it such. From her have come men who are filling almost every honorable position given to man to occupy. The world is being benefited and made better by the men sent out by her, and although for more than a half century her noble work has been going on, yet she seems now destined to do a still greater work than ever before. Until within the past few years she had no endowment save a hundred and a half young men upon whom to make her impress, and the good will and wishes of a few of the great host of Baptists in Mississippi.

Today she has within her walls nearly 400 young

men and an endowment of more than one hundred thousand dollars, given by our people at the earnest solicitation of her noble President. Far too inadequate are her means and equipment for instructing her students, and new buildings are a much needed necessity. Shall we have them? Yes, they are assured. Twenty thousand dollars has been given by the Jennings family of Water Valley, Miss., and $2,500 has been offered by the General Educational Board on condition that Baptists of Mississippi raise $75,000, which amount is now almost in sight. This will give our college $120,000 for new buildings and equipment, to which Mr. Carnegie will add $20,000. Brethren, we cannot let this movement fail. Too much depends upon it. So far as your committee is informed only two churches in this Association have contributed to this cause. Others should fall in line, so that our college may be kept apace with the other institutions of our State.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTON E. LEE.

On motion of Bro. Hughey, the place of meeting of the next Association was here decided. A number of invitations were extended, and after some discussion the invitation from Como was accepted, the Association to meet there on Wednesday, October 16th, 1907. Rev. J. A. McCord was appointed to preach the Association sermon, with Rev. B. R. Hughey, alternate. The noon hour haivng arrived,

the morning session adjourned, with benediction by Bro. Rockett.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and a prayer by Dr. Emerson, the privileges of the Association were extended to Bro. W. J. Derrick to speak in behalf of Mississippi College.

The report on Foreign Missions was presented by Bro. Farmer, in connection with which Bro. Hughey read the report on Home Missions, and in the absence of Bro. Bell, who had been appointed to prepare a report on State Missions, the report was read by Walton E. Lee. The reports were discussed jointly by Bros. Farmer, Sherman, Rockett, Dubois, Derrick, Byrd, Lee, Hughey and Dr. Emerson.

Dr. Emerson took subscriptions for the storm-stricken sufferers along the coast of our State for the erection and repairing of churches.

The subscriptions were as follows: Eudora, $10.00; Oak Grove, $10.00; Evansville, $2.50; Hickory Grove, $5.00; Longtown, $5.00; Peach Creek, $5.00; Senatobia, $15.00; B. R. Hughey, $5.00; Arkabutla, $10.00; Mt. Zion, cash, $5.00. Total, $72.50.

After this the reports were adopted and follow:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of Foreign Missions can no longer be considered as an experiment. The last decade has

witnessed such wonderful developments and such marvelous advancements that even the most skeptical cannot but admire the progress and recognize the hand of God in the work.

For a long time the progress was so slow, the work so stupendous, the difficulties numerous and so stubborn, and the prospects so gloomy, that it looked next to impossible to carry out the great commission, "Go ye therefore," etc. But the last ten years has witnessed so many favorable changes that it now looks practically certain that it will be only a short time till this old earth will be girdled with a knowledge of the truth as it is in the blessed Christ, the Redeemer of mankind. Twice as many missionaries, two and a half times as many churches, five times as many church buildings, three times as many Sunday Schools, and four times as many baptisms—all within the last ten years. What does it all mean? Does it not look like God had set His seal to the work?

A few years ago and scarcely could a man be found who was willing to go as a missionary. But now every year, at our great conventions, young men of the very best culture and unquestioned peity, men who can fill acceptably the very best pulpits of our own fair country, and young women of deep refinement, culture and consecration, present themselves and say, "Here am I; send me." And they are going. Year after year these heroic

soldiers of the Christ are leaving comfortable homes, loved ones and all to carry the light of life to the millions who sit in heathen darkness.

The time allotted for this report is too short to speak at length of the theological training schools, the hospitals, the dispensaries for the sick, the publishing houses, etc., etc., all of which are but agencies in the hands of the workers by which they reach and bless the living and the dying.

Thousands of patients are being reached and treated and saved, physically and spiritually, in these infirmaries. In view of the signal blessing God has and is bestowing upon this work, your committee would recommend that the pastors, as leaders of God's hosts in our Association, press this work, pray for it and set a good example to His flock by leading off with a good, liberal contribution to the work. Respectfully submitted,

W. M. FARMER, Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission work is the work done under the management of the Home Board in all the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention and Cuba. In some instances, as in Cuba and some of the territories, the work is managed wholly by the Home Board. In other instances it is managed by the Home Board and the State Board of the State in which the work is done.

Some have questioned the need of Home Mission work under the management of a special board for that special work, but such objections arise from not rightly considering facts. It is a fact that all will admit that we are compelled to consider all the conditions and the different dispositions of men connected with any work if we get the best results, and this being true makes Home Missions under the Home Board a necessity. It is this way: Some men of large means will not give to what they consider small or inconsiderate work, but will give largely to what they consider a large work. There are no few of that kind; therefore, if for nothing else, for the purpose of enlisting them, and through them reaching the more people with the Gospel, we need this special work. Also, there are some large, rich churches in the large cities that will not narrow themselves down to the small work of their association or State work, and for their sake also, that we may utilize them, we need this Home Mission work. In addition to this, the natural tendency of so many of us to become selfish and narrow and fault-finding makes us need this broad work of co-operation in Home Mission work. Besides this, the complexity of the work needed in our Southland makes this larger work under a General Board for that purpose a necessity. The Home Board deals specially with the large cities, with the foreign population among us, and with the hard question of negro evangelization; and all of this cannot be done without special

attention and large expense and no one State can attend to it. The Home Board spent last year $176,411.23 and then did not have enough to meet the needs; and the Southern Baptist Convention, seeing the need, directed them to lay out the work for this year on a basis of $250,000 for Home Missions and $25,000 for evangelization, and Mississippi is asked for $20,000 for this work. Evangelization is a new feature of the work committed to the management of the Home Board, a special work undertaken because of the pressing need for Baptist co-operation in evangelistic work. It is not intended to usurp authority over the churches, nor over the ministry; nothing of that kind, but to help draw out and develop Baptist evangelists, who will feel as they go that they have Baptist backing behind them in their work, and who, therefore, will not shrink from declaring "the whole counsel of God." This is, as your committee sees it, one of the greatest undertakings Baptists have yet undertaken. Work among the foreign population, among the Indians, among the negroes, among the mountains and in Cuba, and with these the work of evangelization, in co-operation with the churches and the State Mission Boards, gives to the Home Board an important work which cannot be done by the associations and State conventions without some such co-operative effort. God is blessing this work and we should heartily support it and pray God to bless it.

B. R. HUGHEY.

STATE MISSIONS.

This is the thirty-third year of the work of State Missions in Mississippi. During this time 494 churches have been supported in whole or in part; 12,490 persons have been baptized by the missionaries, and property interests that are the outgrowth of State Missions reach beyond $600,000. About 18,000 persons have been added to churches during these thirty-three years, where missionaries have labored in meetings, so that our State missionaries have either directly or through their labors with others, brought over 30,000 persons into Baptist churches.

During the past year our State missionaries preached 4,088 sermons, baptized 535, baptized in churches where they labored 1,162, making a total of 1,697. They collected $2,925 for Missions. Twelve new churches were commenced, ten were finished and twenty-nine houses were improved; $3,975.96 were spent on houses of worship. Twelve churches that have been helped by the State Board became self-sustaining this year. These figures make a fine showing for our State Board work.

There is need of greater efforts yet in State Missions.

The growing material resources of the State is bringing in more people, new railroads are being built and towns are springing up as if by magic all

along the lines of these new railroads. Our Lord tells us to plant His banner in these towns. Not only do these towns need the work of State Missions, but with telephone service and rural routes our State has become almost like a great city.

These country districts are growing in population. There are numerons places all over the country where men and money are needed to plant the cause of Christ at the doors of the country people. Let this Association do larger things than ever before in State Missions. Fraternally, J. A. BELL.

P. S.—A full report of our work here will be given in our letter to the Association. We rejoice that we are doing so well.

J. A. B.

After announcements the Association adjourned, with benediction by Bro. Bunyard.

EVENING SESSION.

At this session an instructive and helpful sermon was preached by Bro. Jameson, after which an opportunity was given by Bro. Metts for persons to confess Christ, and two came forward.

The report on Temperance was presented by Bro. McCord, and after discussion by Bros. McCord, Hughey, Metts, Jameson, Sherman and Rockett, was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

That intemperance is a great evil no one will deny.

God's word is plain and strong in denouncing this evil. Intemperance is the greatest enemy of Christianity, of home and of God. It is doing more to counteract the influence of the Gospel in the world than any other force used of Satan today.

The great number of crimes that are being committed daily are traceable directly to intemperance. A great deal of the want and poverty that exists today is caused by intemperance.

We need more temperance teaching in our homes, in our schools, and in our churches. We need more officers who will do their duty and enforce the law against this evil. We need more citizens who will vote for men that will do their duty in enforcing the law.

J. A. McCORD.

Dismissed by Bro. Rockett.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9 o'clock, with a short devotional exercise.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

The Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, would report as follows:

We have made statements with 36 churches with the following results:

Associational Missions	$184.90
State Missions	28.05
Home Missions	115.45
Foreign Missions	130.60
Orphanage	35.70
Ministerial Education	26.00
Sustentation	39.20
Minutes and Clerk	45.30
Minutes and Clerk, rebate onlast Year	2.50
Total	$607.70

Which amount we hold Treasurer's receipt for same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DRAKE,
Z. H. NAIL,
W. W. MAY,
Committee.

The Treasurer's report, which is as follows, was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer makes the following report:

RECEIPTS

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State Missions	28.05
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DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Clerk	$ 46.80
Paid Mrs. J. L. Furgeson	10.00
Sent A. V. Rowe	548.90
	$607.70

Z. H. NAIL,
Treasurer.

The Sunday School Institute Committee made the following report:

We, your committee, have arranged with Bro.

Byrd to hold Sunday School Institutes in our Association the first week in January, 1907, as follows:

At Union Church—Sunday and Monday.

At Central Coldwater Church—Tuesday and Wednesday.

At Ebenezer Church—Thursday and Friday.

At Byhalia Church—Saturday and Sunday.

The Orphanage report was read by Bro. Sherman, and follows:

ORPHANGE REPORT.

The past year has been one of prosperity for the Orphanage. There are now one hundred and ten children in the home, and forty or fifty more might be cared for. We have great reasons to be profoundly thankful to God for His blessing upon this worthy institution, which it is our privilege to care for.

Health.

The health of the children, in the main, has been good. There has been no epidemic of any kind during the year. There were a few cases of malarial fever, only one of which proved fatal. God called one sweet little girl to her home above.

Religious and Educational Advantages.

The children have good school advantages and

have made gratifying progress during the year. A prayer service is held every morning in the chapel room. A regular Thursday night prayer meeting and Sunday School, with an occasional preaching service, comprise the regular weekly religious services. These have all been greatly blessed of God and many have inquired the way of the Lord. We consider these things among the most blessed results of the Orphanage work.

The Farm.

The farm is in good state of cultivation. Sixty-five acres have been cultivated during the year. Cotton, corn and vegetables of all kinds are raised. Most of the provisions needed in the home are raised on the farm. Part of the farm is utilized as pasture land for the cows belonging to the home. The larger boys furnished all the help the farmer had during the year.

Improvements.

The new buildings consist of a twenty-four room brick structure, together with a spacious dining-room and chapel. All have been finished and furnished at a cost of nineteen thousand six hundred dollars. A new printing office has been installed. "The Gem" is now published at home, and the boys and girls do most of the printing.

These, with other improvements, contribute to the convenience and comfort of the home.

Needs.

The same loving sympathy and earnest prayers that the home has always had is earnestly solicited for the future.

We hope the home will never suffer because of lack of means. Sometimes the expenses are a little more than the receipts. The Baptist Brotherhood is the sole support of this most worthy institution. We recommend that the churches make regular and liberal offerings to its support. We are sure that He who hears the young ravens when they cry is pleased to have us care for the homeless and fatherless little ones of our land.

J. F. SHERMAN.

After being discussed by Bros. Sherman, Jameson, McCord and Hughey a cash collection was taken, amounting to $21.89. The report was adopted.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

Foreign Missions—J. A. McCord.
Home Missions—R. L. Bunyard.
State Missions—J. F. Sherman.
Sunday Schools—Dr. T. A. Knight.

Ministerial Education and Mississippi College—Dr. A. L. Emerson.

Publication—H. A. Dubois.
Temperance—Dr. J. W. Crawford.
Woman's Work—J. A. Bell.
Orphanage—W. W. May.
Obituaries—A. J. Dickson.
Sustentations—N. F. Metts.

The report on Woman's Work was prepared and sent in by Bro. Wesson and read by Walton E. Lee. It was discussed by Bros. Bunyard, McCord and Hughey and was adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee on Woman's Work is glad to report that God has greatly blessed our sisters in their work during all these years of their organized efforts. Their contributions have gradually increased from the first, until now they are a large, substantial and reliable factor in the support of every work fostered by the Baptists of the South.

While there is a feeling of regret in many hearts that the good work of our women has to be reported as separate and distinct from the reports of the churches as such, of which they are just as fully and truly a part as the men, yet circumstances seem to ordain it so; God blesses their efforts and we rejoice with them in their growing helpfulness, not only

in every department of church work as members, but also in their organized efforts in raising money for the furtherance of the work of the churches.

Woman's heart is in the work of her Lord on earth, and as she is largely deprived of publicly discussing the work in the mixed assembly, she needs her separate organizations that she may study and discuss and plan for the furtherance of the work of Him whom she loves, and each church and pastor owes it to the sisters to encourage and help them in every good work that is in line with God's word. The pastor who fails to recognize the importance of "Woman's Work" as a factor in church development will find his churches dragging behind "at the hind end" of the procession of progress, in church development and work. As Paul admonished the Philippians to "help those women" who labored with him in the Gospel, so we would admonish every church and pastor to help the women in their good work.

The women of Mississippi gave last year through their organized work, and that is apart from what they gave into the church contributions as other members, of which they gave much, $1,093.22 to Home Missions, $567.10 to State Missions, $1,794.64 to Foreign Missions, $55.00 to Mississippi College, $25.00 to the Theological Seminary, $101.80 to Ministerial Education, $36.47 to Sustentation, $1,573.56 to the Orphans' Home, $4,624.70 to other purposes

and had in the treasury at the time of the State Convention $1,925.11. Besides this they sent to Home Missionaries and the orphans boxes valued at $2,670.35. God bless our women in their great work. Respectfully,

E. L. WESSON.

Bro. Bunyard presented the resignation of Sister Bunyard as President of the Woman's Work in this Association, which was accepted, and Miss Lizzie Atkins was elected as her successor.

On motion the report on Sustentation from last year's minutes was read in the absence of Bro. Legge, the committee on this subject. That part of the report which says we have no indigent ministers or widows in our bounds was amended so as to read that we have one. The report was spoken to by Bros. Jameson, Perry and Metts, after which a cash collection was taken by Bro. C. E. Emerson for Sister Ferguson, amounting to $30.00. The amount was sent her by Bro. Metts.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

Your committee, in order that all may think, would ask why sustain or help old preachers and their wives any more than other old Christians? There are three special reasons: First, preachers who give their time to their churches cannot make nor

save money; second, the continual study about other things than business largely destroys business capacity; therefore, the old man, who has given his life to the ministry, is incapable of self-support if left destitute. Third, most preachers continue to pastor churches until too feeble to do anything else, and if they have no children to care for them must suffer or be helped.

We should be very careful in dispensing our assistance and help only those who are really dependent, and, if possible, so help them as to make them feel that they are not objects of charity, but of love. We report that we have only one minister's widow in our Association.

E. L. WESSON, Committee.

The following resolution was introduced by Bro. McCord:

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed his usual fee for preparing and printing the minutes, and if a sufficient amount is not sent up he be allowed to draw on the Treasury.

Bro. Sherman presented the following resolution of thanks, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the grateful thanks of this Association be tendered Arkabutla Church and citizens for their cordial reception and hospitable entertainment during this session of the Association, and to God for His conviction and conversion of souls, and hop-

ing that an influence for good may linger in the church and homes of Arkabutla.

There being no further business the Association adjourned.

A. G. PERRY, Moderator.
WALTON E. LEE, Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Since our last session death has called from us a number of our loved ones. The names of thirty-six are herein mentioned. Others were reported dead, but no names are given.

N. F. METTS, Committee.

Selphia Scott.
J. R. Stoddard.
Pat Smith.
Josie Mabey.
E. D. Slayten.
Sister Biggance.
Vernon Henderson.
W. M. Blalock.
Willie Woolard.
Mrs. A. M. Patterson.
W. W. Cherry.
J. F. Harper.
E. J. Funderberge.
W. M. Scott.
J. M. Williams.
J. R. Farmer.
J. L. Ham.
Catherine Farmer.
M. E. Goodwin.
Wade Stevens.
E. E. Baird.
R. A. Kilpatrick.
Lucy Walker.
E. L. Kittrel.
B. A. Eavenson.
Malinda Kelly.
J. B. A. Pounders.
T. B. Gaddy.
Martha Bige.
Winnie Lewis.
Levi Saunders.
A. P. Ingram.
Fannie Murphy.
Evelyn Scott.
Ella Beatrice Covert.
Sister Anna Hurdle.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COLDWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Coldwater Baptist Association, which shall meet annually.

Article 2. The messengers representing the different churches shall, at the opening of the Association, present their letters of correspondence, which must state their appointment as delegates, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and died during the year.

Article 3. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three representatives, until their number exceeds fifty members, and for every additional fifty, one more.

Article 4. Churches of this Union failing to represent themselves at one Association will be expected to state the reasons of that failure at the next; and if any church fails for three successive meetings the Association may consider it dropped from its number; or shall have power to send a committee to inquire into the state of such church, as the Association may deem most advisable.

Article 5. Other churches may be admitted into this Union by signifying their desire to do so, by messengers and letter, provided they be deemed

orderly and orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Article 6. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, so soon as letters from the churches are read and the delegates' names enrolled.

Article 7. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of the churches; it shall, however, be at liberty to advise churches belonging to its body, or may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

Article 8. This Association shall have a fund for its expenses, and the churches may be at liberty to send up such funds as they may think proper, either for foreign or domestic missions, for the Bible or any benevolent institution; and the Association shall appoint some one or more to take charge of same and forward them as they may be designated and report to the next Association.

Article 9. Any church of this Union having a difficulty that she cannot settle, may call for help from other churches, or may present the case to this body for advice. Such cases must be presented in the letter of correspondence, stating why it has not or could not be settled or decided by the church.

Article 10. Any church of this Union having members supposed to possess ministerial gifts, it is considered advisable for them to call in such minis-

terial aid as shall be deemed most competent to examine, in connection with the church, such member or members, and if thought worthy, to authorize such person or persons to preach the Gospel by the consent and authority of the church.

Article 11. This Association may correspond by letter and delegates with the Baptist State Convention of this State, and such other Associations as she may deem most conducive to the interest of Zion.

Article 12. The minutes of this Association shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises, and no Association shall adjourn except in extraordinary cases until it shall have finished all of its business.

Article 13. This Association shall not receive from individuals or churches for discussion any query which shall have a tendency to disturb the harmony of the body, but may give instruction to churches in all cases or difficulty as she may think prudent.

Article 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Increase: By Exp. & Bap.	Increase: Let'r or Statem't	Increase: By Restoration	Increase: Total Increase	Membership Last Year	Decrease: By Letter	Decrease: Exp'ls'n & Erasr	Decrease: By Death	Decrease: Total Decrease	Membership This Year	No. Sunday Schools	No. Teachers	No. Pupils	Baptisms from S. S	Kind of Literature Used	Church Property Value of	Pastor's Home Value of	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	MESSENGERS
Alexandria	11	1	2	14	96	6	5	1	12	98	1	3	31	5	S.B.C.S	$ 800	$	H. B. Russum	Slaydens	J. E. Stone	Slaydens	W. G. McDugle, W. H. Stone, J. O. Hurdle H. B. Russum.
Bethel					36			1	1	35						500				W. H. Ingram	Coldwater	Walter Ingram.
Byhalia						7			7	43	1	4	30		S.B.C.S	5000		J. P. Horton	Holly Springs	J. H. Tucker	Byhalia	R. E. Boswell. R. P. Bowen.
Center Hill	4			4	40	1			1	39								H. B. Russum	Slaydens	D. H. Haraway	Olive Branch	
Central, Coldw't'r	19			19						89	1	7	65	11	S.B.C.S	2000		E. L. Wesson	Memphis	W. H. Dougherty	Coldwater	
Coldwater	2	3		5	60	1	2		3	62								J. P. Horton	Holly Springs	J. B. Higgins	Collierville	H. A. Dubois, J. E. Austin, Mrs. C. M. Yates.
Como	10	7		17	53			1	1	69	1	5	60	6	S.B.C.S	3500		R. L. Bunyard	Como	H. H. Bemis	Como	By Letter in Mail.
Crenshaw	4	2		6	19			1	1	24	1	4	30	3	S.B.C.S	2000		R. L. Bunyard	Como	C. S. Smith	Crenshaw	R. F. Bunyard, W. M. Farmer, Lula May Farmer.
Ebenezer	5	7		12	72	4			4	80	1	3	85	4	S.B.C.S	500		Walton E. Lee	Hernando	J. M. Solomon	Love	
Eudora	32	7	1	40	80	2		2	4	115						800		W. F. Jeffrey	Eudora	Jno. W. Nichols	Eudora	T. C. Dockery, Tom Chambley, J. T. Lee.
Evansville	8	4		12	84	2	1	1	4	92						300		A. N. Billingsley.	Cockrum	A. T. Howell	Strayhorn	W. J. Burrus, Dr. A. L. Emerson.
Gray's Creek	4			4	40	6			6	38						500				G. C. Perry	Hernando	A. T. Howard, J. W. Morris, J. L. Muskelly.
Harmony	3	4		7	132	7		1	8	133	1	3	34		S.B.C.S			N. F. Metts	Teckville	H. F. McAlister	Blackwater	J. W. Cleveland, Walter Perry.
Hebron					40	1			1	39						400				D. W. Trammell	Sardis	By Letter in Mail.
Hernando	1	4		5	65	1			1	69	1	6	50	1	S.B.C.S	4000	1500	Walton E. Lee	Hernando	Hugh Foster	Hernando	
Hickory Grove	4	5	2	11	76					87	1				AB.P.S			B. F. Whitten	Memphis	J. W. Crawford	Coldwater	Walton E. Lee.
Holly Springs	5	22	1	28	65	7		2	9	84	1	4	40	3	AB.P.S	4500	1500	J. A. Bell	Holly Springs	J. H. Shelton	Holly Springs	J. R. Harris, J. W. Crawford.
Hopewell	6	1		7	114			2	2	119	1	6	110	6	S.B.C.S			N. F. Metts	Teckville	J. A Wade	Arkabutla	J. S. Deaton.
Longtown	4	5		9	62	6		2	8	63	1	4	20	4	S.B.C.S	1000		R. L. Bunyard	Como	F. P. Tate	Longtown	W. W. May, W. F. Sullivan, A. R. Frazier, W. E. Pegram.
Looxahoma	9	3	1	13	62	3		3	6	69	1	4	25	1	Union	1000		H. J. Legge	Sardis	A. J. Dickson	Looxahoma	F. P. Tate, W. W. Rochelle.
McIvor																						A. J. Dickson, Mrs. A. J. Dickson.
Mt. Manna		4	1	5	56	9		3	12	49	1	4			S.B.C.S							
Mt. Zion	16	2	2	20	261	14	6	4	24	257	1	3	70		S.B.C.S			A. G. Perry	Coldwater	J. M. P. Drake	Coldwater	A. G. Perry, J. C. L. Drake, S. R. Drake.
*Mt. Moriah																		J. P. Horton	Holly Springs	A. J. Eavenson	Independence	W. H. D. McCauts, Adron Burford, G. M. Everson, Mary Everson, Clyde Walke
*Mt. Pisgah																						
*Macedonia																						
Mt. Pleasant	2			2																		
New Hope	6		2	8	98	1	1		2	104				2		1250		J. P. Horton	Holly Springs	G. W. Valentine	Slaydens	
New Hope (Tate)	9	8	3	20	54	7			7	67								N. F. Metts	Teckville	R. H. Smith	Teckville	N. F. Metts, W. M. Smith, Mrs. Mary Smith.
New Prospect	6	8		14	52	2		1	3	63						300		J. W. Cleveland	Hernando	V. C. Lewis	Cockrum	
Oak Grove					50	5			5	45	1	3	21		S.B.C.S	800		A. N. Billingsley.	Cockrum	A. J. Snead	Lewisburg	By Letter in Mail.
Peach Creek	1	1		2	125	1		1	2	125	1	4	35	1	S.B.C.S	1500		Walton E. Lee	Hernando	C. E. Emerson	Cub Lake	G. W. Nail, Mrs. R. E. Howell, C. E. Emerson, Z. H. Nail.
Pleasant Grove					28					28						800		B. R. Hughey	Coldwater	J. H. Williams	Melrose	E. H. Keating, Mrs. E. H. Keating, O. F. Keating.
Philadelphia																		J. L. Wilson	New Albany	Tracy L. Harris	Red Banks	By Letter in Mail.
*Pleasant View																						Mamie Woods.
Salem	8			8	29	6		1	7	30												
Sardis	14	17		31	144	8		3	11	164	1	6	90	12	S.B.C S	5000	1500	N. F. Metts	Teckville	A. G. Mabry	Cypress	W. J. Fennell.
Senatobia	22	16	2	40	171	6		5	11	200	1	8	150	18	S.B.C.S		1700	J. A. McCord	Sardis	L. F. Rainwater	Sardis	J. L. Bruton, J. A. McCord.
State Line	13	6	2	21	119	4			4	136	1	5	67		S.B.C.S	500		J. F. Sherman	Senatobia	M. P. Moore	Senatobia	J. R. Solomon, J. H. Moore, J. F. Sherman, Mrs. A. A. Royal, Mrs. J. F. Sherman
Strayhorn	3	2		5	9	1			1	15						400		J. W. Lee	Grenada	J. A. McCargo	Olive Branch	J. C. Drake.
Tyro																		N. F. Metts	Teckville	WHHickinbotham	Strawhorn	
Union	7			7	135		1	1	2	140	1	3	30		S.B.C.S	1000						L. G. Barnett.
Total	238	139	19	396	2527	118	16	36	170	2870	21	89	1043	77		$39150	$ 6200	G. W. Hollowell	Splinter	J. E. Griste	Sardis	B. F. Jackson, L. F. Johns, W. E. Brown, J. E. Griste, A. W. Roy, C. V. Brown

*Not Represented.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Associational Missons	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Orphanage	Education	Ministerial	Ministerial Relief
Alexandria	$	$	$	$ 42 00	$ 3 60	$	$	$	$ 13 45	$ 19 10	$ 4 10	$ 10 70	$	$	
Bethel								3 55	5 00	5 00		5 00			
Byhalia	150 00	40 00					18 00								
Center Hill							6 20								
Central, Coldw't'r	400 00		50 00	125 00	31 65		38 80		31 15	44 25		189 85			
Coldwater	115 00	14 00		31 00					6 50	6 50		8 35			
Como.	200 00		25 00	80 00	6 00			50 00	5 00	5 00					
Crenshaw	150 00	84 00		37 50	6 00			18 60							
Ebenezer	100 00			46 00	5 00		5 00	13 00		31 10	1 50	5 00		5 80	
Eudora				35 00							16 00				
Evansville	75 00						6 00								
Gray's Creek		81 65		8 50					2 85	2 85					
Harmony									1 00						
Hebron															
Hernando	350 00	80 00	60 00	73 00		5 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00			
Hickory Grove							23 00	47 50	14 00	75 00	88 35	30 00	15 00	27 05	
Holly Springs	193 00		19 60						20 00	14 00		2 50			
Hopewell	150 00	75 00		17 00				15 00		20 00		18 00			
Longtown	100 00			25 00			26 50				25 00	1 00			
Looxahoma	75 00			12 50	5 00			10 50							
Mt. Manna							4 00					4 00			
Mt. Zion	200 00			32 00					16 70						
Mt. Pleasant	85 00								1 00	50					
*Mt. Moriah								8 00	8 0						
*Mt. Pisgah															
New Hope															
New Hope (Tate)	50 00						4 00			4 00					
New Prospect									2 05						
Oak Grove	125 00		10 00	31 25					6 40	6 40					
Peach Creek	150 00	25 00	10 00		12 50		15 00	14 00	11 50	23 00			8 00	1 50	
Pleasant Grove	110 00				2 00		5 65	5 50	21 90	58 15		35 60	11 00	5 00	
Philadelphia								20 00	15 75	15 75	1 00	32 50		15 00	
Salem							4 50								
Sardis			126 15	169 75	69 83		2 00		2 00	2 00		2 25			
Senatobia	800 00	500 00	154 17	100 00	72 56			73 85				22 38			
State Line	250 00			32 25	16 76			57 10	57 45	78 10	455 00	186 50			
Strayhorn	75 00						3 50		12 50	2 50	5 00	32 50			
Tyro							2 00			2 00					
Union	120 00	66 60	14 50		5 00		5 00			20 70		15 75			
Total	$4023 00	$ 966 25	$ 469 42	$ 897 75	$ 235 84	$ 5 00	$ 171 15	$ 337 60	$ 255 20	$ 436 90	$ 595 95	$ 602 88	$34 00	$54 35	$40

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	SECRETARY	POST OFFICE
Alexandria	J. F. Valentine	Slaydens	W. H. Stone	Slaydens
Byhalia	A. J. Howard	Byhalia		
Central, Coldw't'r	F. F. Veazey	Coldwater	T. J. White	Coldwater
Como	J. L. Pace	Como	D. Meredith	Como
Crenshaw	M. Boyd	Crenshaw	Valeria Fitzgerald	Crenshaw
Ebenezer	Dr. T. A. Knight	Loves	Miss Lucy Dalehite	Loves
Harmony	John Cook	Harmontown	Lucy Cook	Harmontown
Hernando	Hugh Foster	Hernando	G. L. Darden	Hernando
Hickory Grove	E. T. Leavell	Eckles	Miss Blanch Dean	Eckles
Holly Springs	W. M. Mobley	Holly Springs	D. E. Kelley	Holly Springs
Hopewell	J. G. Holloway	Arkabutla	H. R. Frazier	Arkabutla
Longtown	T. Q. Farmer	Longtown		
Looxahoma	W. T. Clark	Looxahoma	Pearl Still	Looxahoma
Mt. Manna	J. C. L. Drake	Coldwater	Curtis Stephens	Coldwater
Mt. Zion	E. F. Crawford	Independence	R. J. Meredith	Independence
New Hope (L)	Arthur Massey	Teckville	Katie Mize	Teckville
Oak Grove	W. A. Shackleford	Mooretown	Miss Pearl Curtis	Hernando
Peach Creek	E. H. Keating	Horatio		
Pleasant Grove	Tracy L. Harris	Red Banks	Miss Minnie Crook	Red Banks
State Line	J. N. Brown	Olive Branch	J. H. McCargo	Olive Branch
Senatobia	J. P. Stamps	Senatobia	Alvin Scott	Senatobia
Sardis	J. W. Burrus	Sardis	J. L. Brewton	Sardis
Union	W. E. Johns	Sardis	Eugene Terrel	Sardis

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

CHURCHES	PRESIDENT	POST OFFICE	SECRETARY	POST OFFICE
Central, Coldw't'r	Mrs. Minnie Atkins	Coldwater	Mrs. S. L. Darby	Coldwater
Como	Mrs. W. E. Davis	Como	Mrs. H. D. Taylor	Como
Crenshaw	Mrs. C. S. Morris	Crenshaw	Mrs. Albert Fitzgerald	Crenshaw
Hernando	Mrs. M. C. Farrington	Hernando	Mrs. T. M. Jones	Hernando
Senatobia	Mrs. J. F. Sherman	Senatobia	Lizzie Mabry	Senatobia
Sardis	Mrs. J. A. McCord	Sardis	Mrs. Sam Hightower	Sardis

	Total	Minutes and Clerk	Ministerial Relief	Ministerial Education	Orphanage
	$ 94 95	$ 2 00	$	$	$ 10 70
	19 06	50			5 00
	209 75	1 75			
	6 70	50			
	913 20	2 50			189 85
	182 25	90			8 35
	373 00	2 00			
	297 60	1 50			
	213 90	1 50	5 80		5 00
	52 50	1 50			
	82 00	1 00			
	96 35	50			
	2 00	1 00			
	7 00	1 00			1 00
	890 00	2 10	27 05	15 00	30 00
	37 50	1 00			2 50
	266 60	1 00			18 00
	296 50	2 00			1 00
	137 00	1 50			
	101 20	70			4 00
	17 70	1 00			
	234 70	1 20			
	101 50	50			
	10 00	2 00			
	52 85	80			
	13 80	1 00			
	240 75	1 50	1 50	8 00	35 60
	341 80	1 50	5 00	11 00	32 50
	213 00	1 00	15 00		
	5 00	50			2 25
	9 25	1 00			21 38
	463 96	2 00			36 50
	2462 82	2 00			22 50
	356 01	1 00			
	80 00	1 00			
	248 55	1 00			5 75
	$130 74	$46 30	$35 35	$54 00	$34 88